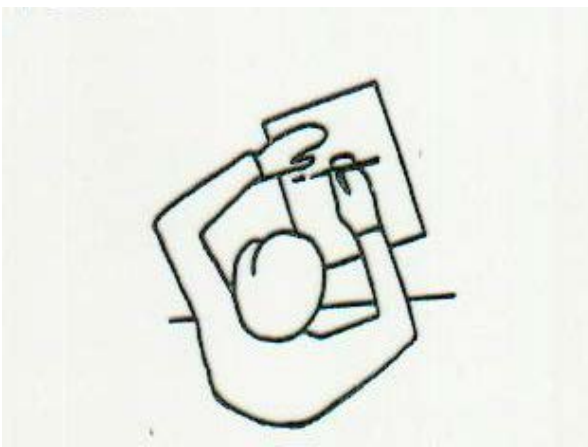


Getting Ready to Write – Place the Paper

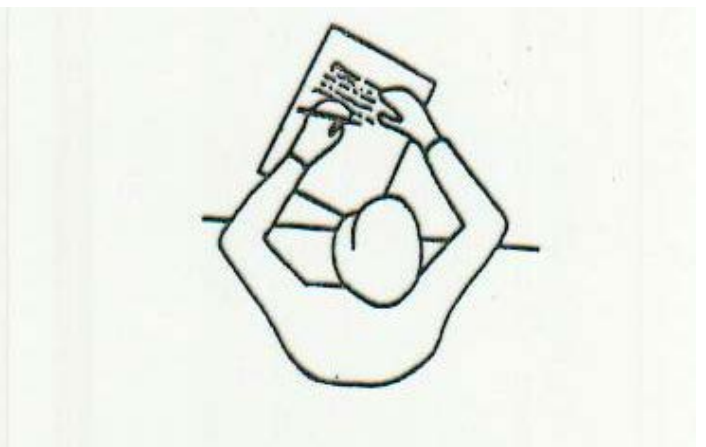
Beginning students who are learning to print letters and words should place the paper straight in front of them. Teach them to hold the page with their “helper” (non-writing) hand.

Students who can write sentences across the page are ready to learn how to angle their page. Paper positioning and stabilizing the page with the “helper” hand needs to be taught. Students who place the paper in front of them, slant it properly can write faster as it follows the natural arc of the writing hand.



Right-Handed Students

Angle 20-30° to left
Top right corner higher



Left-Handed Students

Angle 20-30° to right
Top left corner higher

The writing arm is roughly parallel with the page.
The writing tool is held below the writing line and the wrist is in neutral alignment.

Teaching point:

Teach students to point the bottom of the page to their belly button.

- Right handed students *point the bottom left* corner.
- Left-handed students *point the bottom right* corner.